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### **ABSTRACT**

The curriculum guide for twelfth grade pupils aims at helping students to understand and accept people who are different, develop a satisfactory self image, learn to think critically in the decision making process, and become familiar with the valuing process. Information on foundations in American government serves as a base for human rights and dignity. Teaching is process oriented rather than content oriented. Activity units, designed to foster community involvement, are outlined and arranged into three parts. The first unit focuses on the study of the structure and function of the Federal Government, the responsibilities and rights implied in the Bill of Rights, and democratic concepts. Unit II helps the student understand the concept of conflict and dissent, the political party system, the way in which majority rule necessitates minority role, and the structure and function of state and local government. Topics dealing with international relations as applied to current affairs, news media, self improvement, and values are studied in unit III. Appendices include outline sections on human dignity concepts, academic freedom guidelines, evaluation, and a bibliography. Classroom materials are topical using multi-media. (Author/SJM)

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  - b. Ability to operate in social relationships
  - c. An appreciation of the values of others
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### SELF-IMAGE

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sive Activity, Delacorte Press, New York, 1969.



### CRITICAL THINKING

A third area of concern, if we are to develop in our students the ultimate value in decision making, would relate to the pupil's abilipresented and come to a logical conclusion. For want of a better term i to this process as critical thinking. Benjamin Bloom, et al, in the boo OBJECTIVES, 2 presents this type of thinking as the Cognitive Domain. The are developed as:

Knowledge Comprehension Application Analysis Synthesis Evaluation

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When a pupil comes to school for the first time, he brings with him a has developed based upon his experiences up to that time.

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- 1. Values are the result of a valuing process.
- 2. The processes involved in valuing are:
  - a. Choosing
    - freely
    - from alternatives
    - after thoughtful consideration of the consequences of each a
  - b. Prizing
    - cherishing; being happy with the choice
    - willing to affirm the choice publicly
  - c. Acting
    - doing something with the choice
    - repeatedly, in some pattern of life

Therefore, in the education of the pupil we must give him the opportunity values. In providing students with these opportunities, the instructor should not to the student. Rather, other values may be presented which the pupil will consistsues carry differing value judgments and offer the student opportunities for variety and the important issues of the day, they are fine opportunities for students.

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<sup>3</sup>Raths, et al, Values and Teaching, Merrill.

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### CONCLUSION

The Human Dignity Social Science Curriculum would then be characterized as follows:

- 1. The content of the course would include the study of the various ethnic or national groups of the world. These would be compared and contrasted in terms of the Social Science Disciplines.
- 2. Units of study would concern present day problems that would be relevant to the student. In examining the problem, research would be involved to uncover the historical background that created the problem.
- 3. Controversial issues would not be avoided because the right to discuss and debate such issues is the most essential part of a student's freedom to learn.
- 4. The materials used in the classroom would include along with reference materials and texts: newspapers and magazines; films, filmstrips and tapes; television and radio programs; resource people; the interviews of agencies; and field trips.
- 5. The method of instruction would be largely one of inquiry. The student would gain experience in evaluating alternatives and making decisions based upon the facts of the case and, in turn, upon the value system he has internalized.
- 6. Finally, the program is developed on the principle of the heterogeneity of the classroom group. Part of the activity in the classroom would be involved in group activity in which each member of the class would, hopefully, have experience both as a follower and as a leader.



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GOALS

The goals of the Human Dignity through the Social Sciences are:

- I. Through the study of the social sciences, the student will demonstrate an increased understanding of self in terms of "Who Am I?" and "Where Am I Going?"
- II. Through the study of the social sciences, the student will begin to develop a consistent value system in the resolution of human relations problems.
- III. Through the study of the social sciences, the student will demonstrate a growing appreciation of human dignity.
- IV. Through the study of the social sciences, the student will demonstrate the use of application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation in the study of human relations problems.
- V. Through the study of the social sciences, the student will demonstrate a knowledge of history with emphasis on the contributions of various ethnic and national groups.



UNIT I

CONSTITUTION...Organization

BILL OF RIGHTS...Rights and Responsibilities

DEMOCRATIC CONCEPTS...Background, Philosophy, Comparative Government

## UNIT I CONSTITUTION

### OBJECTIVE I

The student will demonstrate understanding of the structure and function of as measured by a teacher prepared test involving knowledge, comprehension as

### ACTIVITIES

- 1. Visitation to federal agencies such as F.B.I., F.D.A., U.S.D.A., O.E.O., Federal Reserve Bank.
- 2. Recreation or simulation of the following:
  - a. Creating a society from scratch
  - b. Mock investigative hearings
  - c. Mock Senate or House legislative proceedings
- 3. Simulation Game: DEMOCRACY
- 4. Student research and investigation of how the Constitution really works:
  - a. Presidential Power
  - . Justice and the Courts

5.	Presentations:	Speakers
		Senators
		Representatives
		PBI

FDA USDA OEO Treasury Departme Federal Reserve B

Topics FBI

6. The student will react to the following concepts of citizenship: 1

Recognise the main functions and relations of governmental bodies.

a. Recognize the relationships of different levels of government.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>CITIZENSHIP OBJECTIVES developed by Committee on Assessing the Progress of Education on the National Assessment of Education under Dr. Ralph W. Tyler.

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### UNIT I. OBJECTIVE I (continued)

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b. Recognize the main structure and powers of the United States natio

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### Know the main structure and functions of our governments.

a. Recognize the purposes of government.

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### UNIT I. OBJECTIVE I (continued)

### RESOURCES

Basic texts: Brown, <u>Government in Our Republic</u>, Macmillan Hunt, <u>Social Science</u>, <u>Macmillan</u>

Supplementary meterials (see appendix)

U.S. Constitution Television programs Newspapers

Magazines

### EVALUATION

50% of the class will respond correctly to 70% of the items on a teacher prepared test relating to Objective I.



### UNIT I BILL OF RIGHTS

### OBJECTIVE II

The student will demonstrate his commitment to the values defined in the by a teacher prepared test involving receiving, responding and valuing.

### **ACTIVITIES**

1. Presentations:

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Judges Lawyers

Probation Officers

Bail Bondsmen

Convicts

Draft Counselors Police Officers

2. Outside visitations to: Jails

Mental Institutions

Courts

Participate in "Ride Along with Police" Prog

- 3. Recreation or simulation of the following:
  - a. Mock trials
  - b. Role playing in roles similar and counter to one's being (whites: housing problem)
- 4. Action Projects:
  - a. Circulating petition
  - b. Following through on legal processes of getting something changed
  - c. Consumer action projects as running tests on products and checking
- 5. Student research and investigation on how the Constitution really work of it:
  - a. Equal treatment of minorities
  - b. Ecological violence
  - c. Presidential powers
  - d. Justice and the courts



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### UNIT I. OBJECTIVE II (continued)

- 6. Analysis of source materials:
  - a. Effects of institutions on individuals (jails, military, hospitals, assylum).
- 7. Investigation of current events:
  - a. Follow an incident such as the Calley Trial from beginning to end through all available sources.
- 8. The student will react to the following concepts of citizenship:2

Support rights and freedoms of all individuals.

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a. Understand the value of constitutional rights and freedoms.

They value others' right to choose their own work, friends, and activities, to own private property and to choose their religion freely. They respect freedom of speech and the press, and at meetings encourage members to speak their opinions. They believe people should be able to criticize the government publicly, short of slander and libel. They respect the privacy and personal property of others. They believe that people should be able to assemble peaceably, to travel and to change residence freely. They understand the value of the Bill of Rights in preventing injustice and tyranny of the state or other powerful groups over the individual. They understand that rights are not simple absolutes and are often in conflict with each other or with the general welfare (e.g., property rights vs. zoning or fair housing laws).

b. Recognize instances of the proper exercise or denial of constitutional rights and liberties, including due process of law.

Most citizens would verbally support "rights and liberties" in general, but do they see the relevance of the principle in specific cases where rights are abridged? Given a concrete example of any of the following, they aloud recognize it as a denial of the constitutional rights:

--denial of voting privilege by intimidation or unfair test. --censorship of the press, mass media, and public speech.



### UNIT I. OBJECTIVE II (continued)

- --police interference with assembly in a public place to peacefully protest an injustice.
- --a public official applying the law unequally on the basis of race, social status, or political views.
- -- the government or a powerful person forcing a particular religion or political viewpoint on individual citizens.
- --illegal search, arrest, or detainment.
- --denial of a speedy and fair trial by procedures designed to minimize unjust punishment (counsel, an impartial jury, witnesses, right of appeal, etc.)
- c. Defend rights and liberties of all kinds of people uniformly.

People rightly defend the constitutional rights of their own kind. A more severe test of the quality of their citizenship is whether they are willing to defend these same rights for outcasts, underprivileged minorities, or persons whose views they deapise. There are many ways in which they can take such action. They raise objections, petition or write letters to editors and Congresamen if a community denies equal protection to anyone within its jurisdiction. They defend the right of a person with very unpopular views to express his opinion, and support the right of "extreme" (political or religious) groups to express their views in public.

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### EVALUATION

50% of the class will respond correctly to 70% of the items on a teacher prepared test relating to Objective II.



### UNIT I DEMOCRATIC CONCEPTS

Topics

Social Action

Community Service

### OBJECTIVE III

The student will demonstrate his understanding and acceptance of the respons of American citizenship as measured by a teacher prepared test and/or a rati synthesis, analysis and evaluation.

### **ACTIVITIES**

1. Presentations:

Speakers

UFW

American Legion

NAACP

Black Panthers Minute Men

John Birch Society IRS Investigator

Spokesman for Liberty Amendment

ACLU

Members of Henry George School Members of Social Action Groups

2. Outside visitations to: School Board

ABAG Hospitals Ecology Gr

Ecology Groups Consumer Groups Drug Abuse Centers Synanon Centers

- 3. Recreation or simulation of the following:
  - a. The Market Game
  - b. Sunshine
  - c. Division
- 4. Action Projects:
  - a. Educating the Public on Some Issues



### UNIT I DEMOCRATIC CONCEPTS

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### UNIT I. OBJECTIVE III (continued)

- 5. Student research and investigation of how the political process actually works:
  - a. Who can vote
  - b. How people, especially the President, get nominated for office
  - c. Who can run
  - d. What makes a successful candidate
- 6. The student will react to the following concepts of citizenship:3

### Help maintain law and order.

a. Understand the need for law and order.

They know that law and order serve to: maximize individual liberties and safety; restrict and define punishment; limit the political power of individuals and groups with economic or military strength; insure deliberation rather than hasty, ill-considered social or governmental change; provide a means of redress for the individual; and enable organized effort to solve social problems.

b. Are conscious of right and wrong behavior.

They inform others about laws and regulations, and praise or reward others for taking an ethical stand. They do not condone lawbreaking in others, and avoid tacit approval of friends' unethical or illegal behavior, calling attention to bad consequences and suggesting alternative actions. They refuse to participate in unethical group activities.

c. Comply with public law and school rules.

They do not violate laws and regulations even when sure: reprisal will result. They obey laws on income taxes, employment, drinking, obtaining licenses, driving, etc. They comply with school regulations on parking, fighting, dress, smoking, behavior on school grounds and in hallways, display of affection to opposite sex, cheating, tardiness, attendance, and language. They do not deface or damage school equipment, books, or desks. They do not litter private or public property; they do not steal others' property; they do not disturb, misplace, or deface other students' books and papers. They obey trespass laws and do not participate in vandalism. They return borrowed articles. They do not shoplift nor buy stolen items. They do not attempt to obtain preferential treatment by feigning illness,



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### UNIT I. OBJECTIVE III (continued)

bribing officials, using personal friendships, or exerting parental influence. They comply with the spirit as well as the letter of the law.

d. Help authorities in specific cases.

They report facts truthfully to authorities when at scene of an accident or crime, after observing illegal behavior or when others are in danger. They serve as a witness in court, freely give information to police investigators, assist police or public authorities in other ways when requested. They urge others to help authorities as well.

### RESOURCES

Basic texts: Brown, Government in Our Republic, Macmillan Hunt, Social Science, Macmillan

Supplementary materials (see appendix) U.S. Constitution Television programs Newspapers Magazines

### EVALUATION

- 1. 50% of the class will respond correctly to 70% of the items on a teacher prepared test relating to Objective III.
- 2. 70% of the class will be rated average or better on a teacher scored rating scale relating to Objective III.



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UNIT II

CONCEPT OF CONFLICT

POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM

MAJORITY RULE - MINORITY ROLE

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



### UNIT II CONCEPT OF CONFLICT

### OBJECTIVE I

The student will demonstrate the ability to understand and cope with dissent as measured by a teacher prepared test involving analysis, synthesis and evaluation.

### **ACTIVITIES**

1. Presentations:

Speakers

John Birch Society

Black Panthers

Topics

Social Action

Political Action or Processes

- 2. Outside observation:
  - a. City Council Meetings
  - b. Women's Lib Meetings
  - c. Labor Unions and Councils
  - d. School Board Meetings
- 3. Analysis of American Society and Politics:
  - a. Graffiti
  - b. Music
  - c. Contemporary Media
  - d. Campaign Posters
- 4. Simulation Game: DANGEROUS PARALLEL
- 5. Analysis of Source Materials: Counter-cultures and sub-cultures in America.
- 6. Investigation of Current Events: Draft Law, Fair Housing, School Desegregation, Race Riots
  - a. Reports to be done in depth
  - b. Topic selection should be done on basis of student interest
- 7. The student will react to the following concepts of citizenship:4
  - a. Treat all individuals with respect; do not condemn others on the basis of irrelevant personal and social characteristics.

### UNIT II. OBJECTIVE I (continued)

They respect those who differ from them in religion, national origin, race, political opinions, socio-economic background, sex, clothing, physical or mental abilities, values, or interests. They do not avoid associating with other people because of such differences, nor seek to exclude them for social organisations in which the difference has no bearing. They appreciate individual differences and do not self-righteously expect everyone to comform to their own ideals, and they do not intimidate or ridicule those who disagree. In conversation they do not habitually derogate others as a way of trying to impress people with their own status. Reliance on stereotypes in describing or reacting to members of other groups or minorities shows little respect for them as individuals. They respond to each individual on the basis of his own merits and actions.

### b. Apply democratic procedures on a practical level when working in a group.

Group situations in which students might be involved include student council, committees, clubs, and athletic teams. In such situations they try to help the group move toward its goals. They support the right of dissenting views to be voiced and encourage adequate discussion before voting. They abide by democratically determined decisions but know the established procedures for trying to change a decision (persussion, argument, petition, etc.). They mediate, and seek compromise and common ground when others disagree. They are willing to give in when the situation calls for some immediate action or when their objection is relatively unimportant. They understand the responsibilities involved in accepting leadership (e.g., to keep informed on relevant matters; to clarify issues, sum up discussion, and present suggestions to the group; to direct the execution of an agreed-upon plan of action; and to coordinate activities with other groups). They understand that a leader's greater responsibility makes it necessary for him to exercise authority; but they understand that subordinates, too, have responsibilities to the group.



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UNIT II. OBJECTIVE I (continued)

#### RESOURCES

Basic texts: Brown, <u>Government in Our Republic</u>, Macmillan Hunt, <u>Social Science</u>, Macmillan

Supplementary materials (see appendix)
Speakers
Newspapers
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Radio programs
Television programs
Records
U.S. Constitution

#### **EVALUATION**

50% of the class will respond correctly to 70% of the items on a teacher prepared test relating to Objective I.



#### UNIT II POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM

#### OBJECTIVE II

The student will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of current political issues as measured by a teacher prepared test involving knowledge, comprehension and application.

Current Controversial Issues

#### ACTIVITIES

1. Presentations:

Speakers

Republican Party Officers Democratic Party Officers

Peace and Freedom Party Officers "John Birch Society Representative

- 2. Outside observation and report to class:
  - a. Republican and Democratic Committee meetings.
- 3. Recreation or simulation of the following:
  - a. Republican and Democratic Mominating Convention
  - b. Primary elections
- 4. Action Projects: Opinion polle on current issues.
- 5. Analysis of Source Materiale:
  - a. Effect of religious background on politics
  - b. Effect of economic background on politics
  - c. Effect of special interests on politics
- 6. The student will react to the following concepts of citizenehip:5
  - a. Recognize the structure and operation of political parties.

They know that candidates of the two major parties fill nearly all state and national elective offices, but smaller parties do exist. They know that party

membership is voluntary, and that candidates and platforms are selected through

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#### UNIT II. OBJECTIVE II (continued)

local caucus, primary elections and state and national conventions. They recognize the main concepts currently distinguishing Republican and Democratic policies.

#### RESOURCES

Basic texts: Brown, Government in Our Republic, Macmillan

Hunt, Social Science, Macmillan

Supplementary materials (see appendix)

Speakers
Newspapers
Magazines
Radio programs
Television programs

#### EVALUATION

50% of the class will respond correctly to 70% of the items on a teacher prepared teet relating to Objective II.



## UNIT II MAJORITY RULE - MINORITY ROLE

Topics

Welfare

Community Service

Better Business B

#### OBJECTIVE III

The student will demonstrate his understanding that every man, unless restrict has the right to participate activaly and freely in social, political and eco as the rights of others are not violated as measured by a rating scale involves ponding and valuing.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

1. Presentations:

Speakers

Red Cross

Public Health Department

Hot Line Hospitals Churches Welfare

Chamber of Commerce

2. Outside observation and reports to class:

- a. Welfare Department
- b. Public Health Servise
- c. Other Community Services
- d. Recreation District
- 3. Class Demonstrations:
  - a. Pollution Tests
  - b. Food Analysis
- 4. Individual or group creative activities:
  - a. Research into topics of interest to the students
  - b. Film making
- 5. The student will react to the following concepts of citizenship:6

6Ibid.

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## UNIT II MAJORITY RULE - MINORITY ROLE

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the following concepts of citizenship:6

#### UNIT II. OBJECTIVE III (continued)

#### a. Display fairness and good sportsmenship toward others.

They try to see that credit is given where due, and that all group members get fair shares of participation and reward. They admit when they are wrong and accept corrections, reprimands, and decisions of officials in good spirit. They assume integrity and good intentions of other citizens and public officials until there is clear contrary evidence. They choose others for special jobs or roles on the basis of relevant factors such as interest, talent, skill, and judgment, rather than such factors as personal friendship or stereotypes. They appreciate competition as a spur to excellence. They see the humor in human foibles, including their own.

## b. Understand and oppose unequal opportunity in the areas of education, housing, employment, and recreation.

They know of the vicious circle connecting lack of education, unemployment, poverty, and slums. They understand that these conditions contribute to apathy, alienation, lack of initiative, and crime. They know and disapprove of both obvious and subtle forms of discrimination against minorities in education, housing, employment, and public facilities. They are aware of the extent of unequal opportunity in their own communities, and they support legislation or other organized action to correct it, such as the "Headstart" program for underprivileged children. They prefer to patronize businesses which do not discriminate unfairly in their service and employment.

#### c. Seek to improve the welfare of groups of people less fortunate than they.

They know of the existence, both near home and over most of the world, of poverty, illiteracy, and disease. They support (verbally, by letters, and by donation of time, work, or money) international agencies and programs, private charities, and foreign policies designed to combat these ills. They support programs to alleviate problems of school dropouts, juvenile delinquency, alcoholism, drug addiction, and to maintain physical and mental health of all citizens.

#### d. Help other individuals voluntarily.

Although youths may find it difficult to give money or to play an active political role, they are as able as any other age group to help others by their own individual effort. Thus, they help persons who are lost or in trouble (with due consideration for their own safety); help instruct classmates who have been absent from schools of the constant o



#### UNIT II. OBJECTIVE III (continued)

help new students adjust to school; defend younger children against bullies; help or console friends with personal problems; and volunteer to aid others in constructive achievements such as learning to play a musical instrument or finding something in the library.

#### e. Are loyal to country, to friends, and to other groups whose values they share.

However, they do not allow their loyalty to any group to justify lawlessness or aggression toward others. They are willing to give constructive help at any time and, in times of crisis, to devote much of their own time and effort to friends, the group, or the nation. They defend the group or friends against unfair accusations or rumors. They accept military service as an obligation of young men to help defend the nation's security. They feel allegiance to their country, as expressed in the Pledge of Allegiance, respect for the flag, and other symbols.

### f. Consider the consequences for others of their own actions.

They control their emotions and aggression, and act rationally in the face of criticism, teasing, arguments, and failures. They try not to injure or embarrass others; they consider how their conduct in dating, drinking, and having fun with the gang may affect others involved or the reputation of family or school. They take care that their own activities do not disturb others' learning at school. They get approval from others before committing others in their own plans. They have friendly but responsible relations with the opposite sex, and are aware of the great responsibility of pregnancy and child care.

#### g. Guard safety and health of others.

In addition to foreseeing the consequences for others of pursuing their own goals, they may consciously plan and act to safeguard others as follows: privately and publicly support safe driving practices; set examples of safety in labs, at school, on streets and recreation fields; instruct others in safety practices; know how cleanliness may prevent the spread of germs; know first aid practices; and know how to get emergency medical help.



#### UNIT II. OBJECTIVE III (continued)

#### RESOURCES

Basic texts: Brown, <u>Government in Our Republic</u>, Macmillan Hunt, <u>Social Science</u>, Macmillan

Supplementary materials (see appendix)
Local agencies
Newspapers
Magazines
Radio programs
television programs

#### EVALUATION

90% of the class will show progress as measured by comparing scores on a pre- and post-administered rating scale relating to Objective III.



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## UNIT II STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

#### OBJECTIVE IV

The student will demonstrate understanding of the structure and function of local and state governments as measured by a teacher prepared test involving knowledge, comprehension and application.

#### ACTIVITIES

1. Use of resource people: Councilmen

Mayor Judges Attorneys

Planning Commission Police Department

Assemblymen

County Supervisor

County Superintendent of Schools

County Auditor

### 2. Outside observations:

- a. Police Department
- b. Council Meetings
- c. School Board Meetings
- d. Court Proceedings
- e. Board of Supervisors Meetings

#### 3. Simulation:

- a. Recreate a new society from scratch.
- 4. Individual or group activities:
  - a. Research into topics of interest to students.
- 5. Action Projects:
  - a. Opinion Poll
  - b. Writing to "Opinions of the People"

#### UNIT II. OBJECTIVE IV (continued)

- 6. Investigations of current events:
  - a. Drugs

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- b. Ecological Problems
- c. Local Elections
- d. Council Meetings
- 7. The student will react to the following concepts of citize Seek community improvement through active, democratic part
  - a. Believe that each person's civic behavior is important

They express the belief that each person's civic other to participate in school and civic affairs. wrong because "everyone else does it" (e.g., litt rumors) or neglecting something right because "no not signaling in traffic). They are willing to dhalping the group or community, realizing the contions (e.g., as in voting). They ask themselves, everyone did this?" They recognize that what the they do, has some civic effect. They do not constenath them.

b. Recognize important civic problems and favor trying to

They know the importance of community and area pl potential problems should be of concern now. The problems faced by their local community. They un and social action on problems created by accelera population--e.g., automation and unemployment; cislums; more and better facilities for education, storage and retrieval; agricultural problems; con down of traditional patterns and values, and loss hope that man is capable of alleviating his most poverty, disease, over-population, food and water solution of these problems. ents:

e following concepts of citizenship:7

hrough active, democratic participation.

's civic behavior is important, and convey this belief to others.

lief that each person's civic behavior is important and encourage e in school and civic affairs. They disapprove of doing something yone else does it" (e.g., littering, speeding, cheating, spreading ng something right because "no one else does it" (e.g., not voting, affic). They are willing to do their share, however small, in r community, realizing the combined worth of many small contributoting). They ask themselves, "What would be the effect if They recognize that what they say to others, as well as what lvic effect. They do not consider politics to be dirty and

problems and favor trying to solve them.

cance of community and area planning and development and believe should be of concern now. They are aware of the particular neir local community. They understand the need for more research problems created by accelerating growth of technology and atomation and unemployment; city transportation and traffic; er facilities for education, technical training and information al; agricultural problems; conservation; pollution; the break-patterns and values, and loss of personal identity. They have able of alleviating his most serious problems such as war, ver-population, food and water; and they want to aid in oblems.



#### UNIT II. OBJECTIVE IV (continued)

c. Actively work for community improvement.

They try to get elected to responsible posts in student gov students' campaigns. They vote in school elections, attend and student council meetings; use petitions or school paper changes in school rules; and volunteer to help on other sch (e.g., yearbook, helping in school office, tutoring, monito They try to interest peer groups and clubs in achieving des whether in the school or in a larger social framework, and toward these goals. They encourage adults to vote (drive p baby-sit while parents vote), and help as volunteers in can parties, measures, or candidates. They attend meetings, re others about conditions within their community. They seek responsibly in civic organizations (e.g., service auxiliari groups, safety council, groups for improvement of community rights groups) by voting, holding office, providing transpo on relevent questions, suggesting activities, serving on co organisation's activities, or simply working. Where they s they try to initiate such action and help form a new group if necessary.

- d. Participate in local, state and national governmental processes.
- e. Aware of the political and social structure of their local commu

They know the functions of officers and divisions of local legislative representatives from their own voting district main local and state leaders are, and they recognize the main and unofficial groups (e.g., labor unions, church groups, P. Chamber of Commerce, neighborhood and womens' groups, and provide exert influence on their local government. They recognize the main district influence on their local government. They recognize the main district influence on their local government.



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to responsible posts in student government, or aid in other by vote in school elections, attend (and speak out at) class ings; use petitions or school paper articles to help bring and volunteer to help on other school projects or activities in school office, tutoring, monitoring, clean-up campaigns). groups and clubs in achieving desirable civic goals, in a larger social framework, and help each group move y encourage adults to vote (drive people to the polls, bte), and help as volunteers in campaigns for political hdidates. They attend meetings, read papers, and talk with within their community. They seek out and participate anisations (e.g., service auxiliaries, charity fund-raising groups for improvement of community appearance, civil holding office, providing transportation, voicing opinions aggesting activities, serving on committees, publicizing the , or simply working. Where they see a need for group action action and help form a new group to accomplish the purpose

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f officers and divisions of local government; who the res from their own voting district are, and who their lers are, and they recognize the many kinds of official g., labor unions, church groups, FTA, farming organizations, aborhood and womens' groups, and prominent industries) their local government. They recognize that non., clergy, bankers) often exert a strong influence on



### UNIT II. OBJECTIVE IV (continued)

#### RESOURCES

Basic texts: Brown, <u>Government in Our Republic</u>, <u>Macmillan</u> Hunt, <u>Social Science</u>, <u>Macmillan</u>

Supplementary materials (see appendix)

News papers

Radio News Program Television Programs

#### EVALUATION

50% of the class will respond correctly to 70% of the items on a teacher prepared test relating to Objective IV.



#### UNIT III

APPLICATION TO CURRENT AFFAIRS... International Relations

WHAT IS GOING ON FROM NEWS HEDIA?

HOW CAN I IMPROVE MYSELF?

HOW ARE OUR VALUES DETERMINED?

# UNIT III APPLICATION TO CURRENT AFFAIRS (International Relations)

#### OBJECTIVE I

The student will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of international relations as measured by a teacher prepared test involving knowledge, comprehension and application.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- 1. Use of resource people:
  - a. Members of Consulates
  - b. Stock Exchange
- 2. Outside observations and reports to class:
  - a. Special television programs
  - b. Reports from magazines (U.S. News, Times, etc.)
- 3. Simulation Game: INTER-NATION SIMULATION
- 4. Individual and group activities:
  - a. Artistic creations
  - b. Graphics relating to foreign relations
  - c. Analysis of American politics and society through foreign views of America
- 5. Comparison of political systems and economic systems:
  - a. Simulation of various economic systems
  - b. The appeal of communism
  - c. When a command economy is necessary
  - d. The strengths and weaknesses of capitalism
  - e. Impact of technology
  - f. Alternative economic systems such as different versions of socialism, the counter-culture and communes

#### UNIT III. OBJECTIVE I (continued)

- 6. The student will react to the following concepts of citizenship: 8

  Understand problems of international relations.
  - Aware of the problems of international conflict and dangers to a

They are aware that: the rule of law is gradually gaining power of sovereign nations still carries more weight; the U international law depends largely on cooperation of the mod its success in resolution of international conflicts; the U the UN and to other nations through treaties (NATO, SEATO, alliances are of short average duration; every national gov moral rightness of its own international policy; some value by nations but some are different; and that wars can result conquest and expansion, (2) competition for food, resources allegiance of peoples, (3) misunderstanding of values and i especially perceived threat of attack by another nation, (4 They are aware that Communist China and the USSR seek, or h past, the subversion and violent overthrow of all non-Commu world; that ideologies and policies change in time, and for become aggressive, or vice versa (e.g., the USSR seems curr toward the West). They realise that the underdeveloped nat Latin America are engaged in a massive struggle for national standards, and freedom from colonialism. They are aware of national security, such as escalation of small wars into la acquiring nuclear weapons, a belligerent or over-emotional war, nuclear war by accident, military unpreparedness, econ racial conflict, and the danger of becoming a police state threat of attack or subversion.

b. Seek world peace and freedom for all peoples.

They are sware of the limits and dangers of war as an instrand publicly encourage the exploration of alternative polic exploration of means to achieve safe and effective disarment international tensions. They have patience with efforts at angered do not impulsively urge international violence or bettems elves about problems and strategies in seeking peace a other citizens and their representatives in government. The



8Ibid.

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law is gradually gaining influence, but physical carries more weight; the UM or any other agency of on cooperation of the most powerful nations for rnational conflicts; the U.S. has obligations to igh treaties (NATO, SEATO, etc.); historically, pration; every national government believes in the hational policy; some values and morals are shared ; and that wars can result from (1) desires for tition for food, resources, territory or the Perstanding of values and intentions between mations, tack by another nation, (4) wounded pride or insult. ne and the USSR seek, or have sought in the recent overthrow of all non-Communist governments in the les change in time, and formerly peaceful nations (e.g., the USSR seems currently to be accommodating that the underdeveloped nations of Africa, Asia, and ssive struggle for national strength, higher living isliem. They are sware of other possible dangers to tion of small wars into large ones, new mations - \* ligerent or over-emotional leadership inciting world itery unpreparedness, economic decline of the U.S., f becoming a police state through overreaction to

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dangers of war as an instrument of foreign policy ation of alternative policies. They favor afe and effective disarrament with reduction of e patience with efforts at negotiation, and if international violence or belligerence. They inform ategies in seeking peacs and share their views with tatives in government. They support effective



#### UNIT III, OBJECTIVE I (continued)

international law and agencies, such as the United Nations, which seek peace and provide forums for resolving international disputes and for bringing world opinion to bear on the issues. They are aware that in many nations people are oppressed by autocratic governments, both Communist and non-Communist. They favor self-determined government for all nations.

#### RESOURCES

Basic texts: Brown, Government in Our Republic, Macmillan Hunt, Social Science, Macmillan

Supplementary materials (see appendix) Newspapers Magazines Radio programs Television programs

#### EVALUATION

50% of the class will respond correctly to 70% of the items on a teacher prepared test relating to Objective I.



## UNIT III WHAT IS GOING ON FROM NEWS MEDIA?

#### OBJECTIVE II

The student will support rationality in communication, thought and action on social problems as demonstrated by a teacher prepared test involving analysis, synthesis and evaluation.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

1. Presentations:

Speakers

Members of the Press

Representatives of Radio Stations

Clergy

Advertising Specialists

Topics

Communication

Censorship

Credibility Gap

- 2. Outside observations and reports to class:
  - a. Newspaper Office
  - b. Radio Station
  - c. Television Station
  - d. Billboard Advertising Agency
- 3. Recreation or simulation of the following:
  - a. Role playing in an advertising agency
  - b. Replication of propaganda techniques
- 4. Individual or group activities:
  - a. Artistic creations such as painting, designs, etc., presenting a point of view.
- 5. Action Projects:
  - a. Opinion Polls
- 6. Class Demonstrations:
  - a. Propaganda techniques
- 7. Analysis of source materials:
  - a. Detecting propaganda

#### UNIT III. OBJECTIVE II (continued)

- 8. Investigation:
  - a. Follow an incident from beginning to end through all available sources.
- 9. The student will react to the following concepts of citizenship:9

Support rationality in communication, thought and action on social problems.

a. Try to inform themselves on socially important matters and to understand alternative viewpoints.

They ask questions and, if needed, probe for more complete answers by discussion, and further questions; they do this with other students, teachers, counselors, parents, and especially with persons who have unique experience or expertise to share. They have the habit of listening attentively and open-mindedly to what any other person may say without pre-judging its merit. They seek full understanding of the several sides of an issue, and are aware of the more relevant facts and cogent opposing arguments in such current controversies as racial integration, U.S. foreign policy, problems of the economy, sexual mores, and individualism vs. social organization. They make use of available sources of information such as books, magazines, newspapers, T.V., radio, teachers, and authorities, trying not to rely on a single source in important matters.

b. Evaluate communications critically and form their own opinions independently.

When faced with contradictory information or a rumor they seek verification rather than passing it on unquestioned as truth. They question the authority or evidence for doubtful assertions, especially political accusations and advertising claims, and evaluate the adequacy of such authority or evidence realistically. They recognize and challenge illogical arguments. They are not easily influenced or swayed by others' evaluative judgments, but do not hesitate to change their opinions in the light of convincing new evidence. They form their own values and beliefs by integrating their own unique experience with all relevant information. They do not accept or reject views simply because an emotional label (e.g., "Communiet") has been ascribed.

c. Weigh alternatives and consequences carefully, then make decisions and carry them out without undue delay.



#### UNIT III. OBJECTIVE II (continued)

In making civic and social decisions they examine alternatives and weigh consequences in terms of all their relevant values and loyalties. They understand the importance to decision-making of collecting accurate information, and withhold a decision if awaiting further information is likely to be worth the delay. However, the time and effort they give to a decision is roughly proportional to the importance of the decision. More routine decisions such as how to spend leisure time or when to do homework are reached without undue worry or procrastination. They can carry out a task or organize a group project with efficiency, using all available resources. Given a complex task, such as getting the whole student body to a distant location and back, or getting community agreement on the choice of school colors, they can outline a sensible plan for carrying it out.

#### d. See relations among social problems and have good ideas for solutions.

They see parallels between national and international problems and their own interpersonal relations (e.g., conflict, law and order, rights and freedoms). They can see important differences between two social phenomena such as picketing and rioting; they can also recognize underlying similarities, contributing causes, and possible effects. Given social problems, they can draw on related problems and name many factors that should be considered in deciding on a solution. Their ideas for solving such problems are ingenious and/or workable, and they do not accept pat answers for complex social problems such as poverty, war, racial conflict, and corruption.

#### e. Support free communication and communicate honestly with others.

They recognize the following values of communication: becoming aware of others' viewpoints, increasing one's own store of knowledge, keeping an open mind, testing one's own opinions and theories, making better civic decisions, gaining practice in expressing thoughts to others, and causing others to evaluate their own ideas. They believe in full disclosure of all information of civic concern; they protest when unethical behavior is concealed to protect the guilty from embarrassment. They encourage the hearing of dissenting viewpoints among friends, in school, at work, and at public meetings. They disapprove of censorship aimed at the general public and the suppression of certain views, books, and movies on the pretext that they might mislead, brainwash, anger or arouse "other people," whether suppression is by school or public officials, by the press and media, or by self-appointed censorship committees. They see the dangers of having all newspapers and mass media controlled by the same few persons. They willingly and clearly express their own views on civic and social matters, however controversial the issue. They encourage and participate in open discussions; they give honest rather than socially desirable answers, even



#### UNIT III. OBJECTIVE II (continued)

if it means disagreeing with the group. They do not dis others' viewpoints. They do not stop communicating alto because they disagree. They help circulate widely facts civic impact by writing letters to editors or representa the community, helping to publish or circulate printed m They advocate new sources and types of public information

#### f. Understand the role of education in developing good citizens.

They believe that more intelligent civic decisions can be has acquired a broader perspective on social problems the They are aware of inetances of poorly educated population governments. They understand the following arguments for economic vitality of the nation depends on maximum utilizational participation by citizens strengthens a democrate parents are least able and willing to provide them a form who need it most.

#### RESOURCES

Basic texts: Brown, <u>Government in Our Republic</u>, <u>Macmillan</u> Hunt, Social Science, <u>Macmillan</u>

Supplementary materials (see appendix)
Newspapers
Magazines
Radio shows

Television shows

#### EVALUATION

50% of the class will respond correctly to 70% of the items on a teach to Objective II.



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telligent civic decisions can be made by a citizenry which respective on social problems through formal education. es of poorly educated populations being exploited by their tand the following arguments for universal education: the nation depends on maximum utilization of everyone's ability; citizens strengthens a democratic government; children whose d willing to provide them a formal education are often those

Republic, Macmillan

y to 70% of the items on a teacher prepared test relating

## UNIT III HOW CAN I IMPROVE MYSELF?

#### OBJECTIVE III

The student will recognize the role of family, religion and community organizations in defining values in a changing society as measured by a teacher prepared test involving recoiving, responding and valuing.

#### ACTIVITIES

- 1. Study of institutions such as:
  - a. Family
  - b. School and Education
  - c. Church
- 2. Study of local organizations such as:
  - a. Boy and Girl Scouts
  - b. Church Groups
  - c. Civic Clubs
  - d. P.T.A.
  - e. League of Women Voters
  - f. Elks
  - g. Moose
  - h. Kiwanis
  - i. Rotary
  - j. United Crusade
  - k. Alcoholics Anonymous
  - 1. Hot Line
- 3. Study of problems such as:
  - a. Draft
  - b. Abortion
  - c. Law and Order
  - d. Race
  - e. Ecology
  - f. Population
  - g. Welfare

#### UNIT III. OBJECTIVE III (continued)

- 4. The student will react to the following concepts of citizenship
  - a. Respect the reasonable authority of their parents, or guard duties and problems.

They comply with their parents' wishes generally. The plans and ask permission when they know parents expect home at the time promised and call when going to be de with parents, they appeal to them openly rather than c not deliberately frustrate or embarrass their parents, feelings of other members of the family. They keep th help with home chores. They are careful with home, fu property. They help care for younger brothers and sis members. In case of sickness, death, fire, inadequate emergency, they seek appropriate outside help. They a personal pleasures to help the family out of a crisis, accommodate their own plans to other family members' seeming the se

b. Help younger brothers and sisters to develop into good citi

Students, like adults, provide by the example of their models of citizenship which are likely to have a profosiblings. In addition they can consciously instruct thatters. They invite siblings to join them in a variet such as playing, working and trips to interesting local interesting reading matter. They answer questions patiparticular acts are good or bad, but do not dominate the children. They praise siblings for fairness, generosis and advise them on other interpersonal matters or confiniterpret their own experiences for the benefit of your

c. Discuss social matters with their families and respect the

They seek the opinions and advice of parents and other and school matters. They talk openly with their family without excesses of emotion; they discuss their teacher in school, and current school events and social issues, and advice of parents on civic matters. They help to a



following concepts of citizenship: 10

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UNIT III. OBJECTIVE III (continued)

They urge their parents to participate in community and school affairs (e.g., running for school board, joining PTA or curriculum study group, or providing transportation), and inform them of school events. They discuss current world or social issues with the rest of the family.

#### RESOURCES

Basic texts: Brown, Government in Our Republic, Macmillan

Hunt, Social Science, Macmillan

Supplementary materials (see appendix)

Newspapers Magazines Radio shows

Television shows

#### **EVALUATION**

50% of the class will respond correctly to 70% of the items on a teacher prepared test relating to Objective III.



## UNIT III HOW CAN I IMPROVE MYSELF?

#### OBJECTIVE IV

The student will take responsibility for own personal development and a rating scale involving valuing, characterization and organization.

#### ACTIVITIES

1. Presentations: Speakers Topics
Lawyer Law and Or
Judge Draft
Doctor Drugs
Superintendent or Board Member Education

- 2. Role playing in roles similar and counter to one's own personality
- 3. Individual or group creative activities:
  - a. Artistic creations such as paintings, sculptures, designs; iteglobes, and acceptable student initiated projects.
- 4. Investigation of current events:
  - a. Topic selection should be done on a basis of the student's own successful activities of the adolescents.
- 5. The student will react to the following concepts of citizenship: 11
  - a. Further own self-improvement and education.

They exploit and develop their talents to the maximum, an as they can rather than to get by with the least effort. to better learn their own interests and talents. They so and on different types of recreation, and often combine cactivities. They take advantage of school and community homework assignments and follow instructions in class. Winitiative to make up work missed. They arrange conferent having difficulty in understanding work, and talk to teac either on class-related subjects or topics of general int



Il Ibid.

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## UNIT III HOW CAN I IMPROVE MYSELF?

ity for own personal development and obligation as measured by characterization and organization.

Topics
Law and Order
Draft
Drugs

dent or Board Member

Education

and counter to one's own personality or being.

#### activities:

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#### ent and education.

elop their talents to the maximum, and they seek to learn as much can to get by with the least effort. They explore different fields own interests and talents. They schedule time spent on studies as of recreation, and often combine companionship with other te advantage of school and community libraries. They complete and follow instructions in class. When absent, they take work missed. They arrange conferences with teachers when understanding work, and talk to teachers during free time, ed subjects or topics of general interest. They take part in



#### UNIT III. OBJECTIVE IV (continued)

extracurricular activities, and creative hobbies. They to sources of education outside school--e.g., books, periodic courses, films, lectures, radio and TV, concerts, museums travel.

#### b. Plan ahead for major life changes.

Before making serious decisions about marriage, religion, to a new responsibility, future education or occupation, t tion and counsel, and consider alternatives and consequenc find out what kinds of job opportunities the future holds, what education is needed for them; they consult about oppo counselors and parents. They try to evaluate their own ab realistically in terms of adult roles. They discuss, with financial problems and responsibilities of adult life: ta housing, insurance; occupational salary ranges. They take to intended adult roles, and participate in work, training could reasonably contribute to success in adult occupation keeping at home).

### c. Conscientious, dependable, self-disciplined, and value excellen

They adhere to their own moral and ethical codes rather the only. They repay debts and live up to pledges to church, tions. They take advantage of our free enterprise system marketing useful products and services. They seek part—tip baby—sitter, gardener, tutor, lifeguard, musician with dance construction worker, usher, office worker or secretary, garwork they follow agreed upon procedures and schedules, and completed. They are willing to work extra hours on occasion additional responsibilities. They start new tasks without work for mistakes, and use initiative to find better ways are not careless or tardy in keeping appointments. They are not careless or tardy in keeping appointments. They are not careless or tardy in keeping appointments. They are not careless or tardy in keeping appointments. They are not careless or tardy in keeping appointments. They are not careless or tardy in keeping appointments. They money to allow for commitments, expenses, and probable fut that with more freedom goes more responsibility.

d. Economically support self and dependents.



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#### self-disciplined, and value excellence and initiative.

own moral and ethical codes rather than giving them lip service ots and live up to pledges to church, charities or other organizavantage of our free enterprise system by inventing, producing, or ducts and services. They seek part-time or summer jobs (e.g., r, tutor, lifeguard, musician with dance band, sales clerk, usher, office worker or secretary, gas station attendant). At eed upon procedures and schedules, and persevere until a job is willing to work extra hours on occasion and to undertake lities. They start new tasks without having to be told, check and use initiative to find better ways of achieving work goals. For tardy in keeping appointments. They correct their own lame others for their mistakes. They budget use of time and permitments, expenses, and probable future needs. They understand om goes more responsibility.

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UNIT III. OBJECTIVE IV (continued)

#### RESOURCES

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Supplementary materials (see appendix)
Newspapers
Magazines
Radio shows
Television shows

#### **EVALUATION**

70% of the class will show progress based on results from a pre- and post-administering of a rating scale relating to self-image.

### APPENDIX

CONCEPT OF HUMAN DIGNITY

ACADEMIC FREEDOM GUIDELINES... Board Policies and Bylaws of the Vallejo City Unified School District

**EVALUATION** 

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#### CONCEPT OF HUMAN DIGNITY

"Of all life on earth, only men exist in a situation wherein they are called u choices and then to make a decision upon those choices. Further, men, unlike held responsible for their choices... Any student who proposes to go through lissions made for him is an ideal future citizen for a totalitarian state. To be or a non-human animal, the citizen must deliberate upon decisions and participand effecting these decisions. THEREFORE, it behooves every social studies teather student's position in a moral situation and his need to make and abide by a

This program is developed in the supposition that a student, in making a decision or judgment, has a value system on which he makes that decision. When a student arrives in school for the first time, he arrives with a value system based on his experiences previous to his entry in school.

One of the functions of this social studies program

is to make him aware of him aware of the fact that by his value system--wheth Instruction in the social sent the student with alternust compare and choose. set of values is proposed

DIGNITY Human dignity implies the worth of all individuals. This should inthose social and political instruments men have developed to present dignity.

EMPATHY The ability to understand the attitudes or behavior of another. One can present it as a value which one would try to put into prac

LOYALTY Loyalty is a willing devotion of an individual to a cause greater sented by an institution, idea, or process. Processes include the the legislative system by which all sections of the country are rechoosing of one's representatives.

FREEDOM Freedom refers to relative absence of perceived external restraint as well as freedom of speech and religion.

EQUALITY Equality refers to equality before the law, equal access to suffra opportunity.

American tradition is committed to a belief in human dignity and has sought to protecting the freedom of the individual with the equality of all men under the laws and not of men.\*

\*Major Concepts for the Social Studies
Syracuse University, New York



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#### CONCEPT OF HUMAN DIGNITY

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## EXCERPT FROM POLICIES AND BY-LAWS VALLEJO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### ACADEMIC FREEDOM GUIDELINES

#### Intent

This board expresses its judgment that the existence and progress of a democratic society demand that there be freedom of teaching and freedom of learning in schools of this district. This board accepts as one of its major responsibilities the protection of these freedoms for students, teachers, and others directly concerned with the school program.

Within this district the board has the status of the legal authority organized to ensure that the school fulfill its obligations to its supporting society at the local, state, and national levels. The obligation in behalf of academic freedom requires that this board co-operate with educational personnel and with the community in a judicious and open-minded manner in policies and decisions for the preservation of that freedom.

The proper role of the school board is viewed as requiring the giving of all possible support, within the law, to the teachers, administrators, and other staff members who are making use of their abilities and resources to maintain a climate of intellectual freedom, without license, in the schools. It is understood that this role of the board may require the exercise of educational statesmanship of a high order.

It is recognized that successful action in matters of academic freedom will depend greatly upon the board's ability to see the true relationship between the total objectives of the educational program and the values of academic freedom. Under this criteria the board will work, with its administration, for a practical and defensible balance, in this relationship and will attempt to so interpret it to the community.

#### Criteria

Bases for judgment in matters pertaining to academic freedom within this district shall be:

- 1. The welfare of students, individually and collectively, in the present and for the future.
- 2. The intellectual maturity of the students.
- 3. The standards and beliefs of responsible citizens of the community.



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- 4. The security and dignity of teachers, administrators, and other professional workers.
- 5. The status of the problem or issue within the framework of law as set forth by the Education Code.
- 6. In the case of instructional materials, the informative, literary, and general cultural values which may assist students in intellectual growth and habits of critical thought.
- 7. The reasonable efficiency and unity of the school as an institution with stated goals of service.
- 8. Informed opinion available in policy statements regarding academic freedom, which have been issued by organizations of teachers, administrators, parents, school board members, and other citizens with special interest in public education.

#### Regulations for Specific Purposes

#### Status and Conduct of Professional Staff

Members of the professional staff are free to exercise the rights and responsibilities which belong to all citizens. The school board is legally and morally bound to protect and it will protect the civic prerogatives of the staff.

Freedom of speech and action for teachers and administrators is limited only by reasonable standards of professional conduct.

The employment and status of professional staff are not to be restricted by any discrimination as to racial origin, personal beliefs, or sex.

The board is obligated to defend and will defend the natural intellectual rights of its professional staff on the one hand, and the welfare of students and community on the other.

#### Instructional Materials

The board holds to the belief that teachers and librarians should play a key role, in cooperation with district administrative personnel, in the selection of the materials of instruction. The board, acting accordingly, gives to the professional staff the responsibility for scholarly appraisal of such materials (other than state adopted texts) to be placed in classrooms and libraries.



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There is expectation of, and encouragement for, the use of teaching materials which will stimulate students in attitudes of active inquiry into their world and of intelligent criticism of its political, economic and social institutions.

Specific instructional materials do not require the board's acceptance prior to use in a school when such materials are appropriate to the overall purpose of instruction previously approved by that board. The board delegates to the administrators and teachers the authority to select and use instructional materials, whether or not they are deemed to be "controversial."

In cases where the choice of instructional material is questioned, the school board will cooperate with the teaching and administrative staff, using resources of scholarship and professional judgment, to arrive at defensible decisions. The welfare of students is the final, cogent criterion.

#### Controversial Issues

Because the right to discuss and debate controversial issues is the most essential part of the student's freedom of learning, the board will, through its school staff, encourage and protect the exercise of that right within bounds of relevancy and intelligent inquiry.

The teacher who, with professional integrity and without attempt to indoctrinate, helps his students to confront controversial issues of importance, will be defended by the board and administration from abuse and attack from whatever source.

Any teacher in whose instructional activity with controversial issues there is clear bias and attempt at inculcation, without due regard for other points of view, jeopardizes his professional position and faces disciplinary action.

#### Resource Speakers at Secondary Schools

Resource speakers may be invited to address students under the following conditions:

- 1. The ultimate responsibility for the invitation shall rest with the school principal.
- 2. It is determined by the administrators and the teachers involved that the proposed speaker will bring material of educational relevance and value to his hearers.
- 3. In the case of a speaker on controversial issues, the invitation does not require the prior approval of the school board if the speaker is acceptable, in the judgment of the school personnel, under the following conditions:



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- a. The presentation of speakers with varied points of view on controversial issues either on the program or within a reasonable period of time.
- b. Require that each speaker agree to subject himself to questions, following his formal presentation.

#### Student Government and Clubs

These valuable leadership and participation activities will be sponsored and supported at all levels by school authorities. Responsible and democratic functioning of these organizations will be encouraged and upheld. Final responsibility and control over student body organizations and clubs are with the principal of the school concerned.

#### Student Publications

Publication of student newspapers, journals, and annuals will receive, as an educational activity of proven value, the support and sponsorship of school authorities. Freedom of expression in such publications will be upheld, but student writers, editors, and faculty advisors must be responsible for the accuracy and propriety of their materials. Final responsibility and control over the content of such publications are with the principal of the school concerned.



#### EVALUATION

Practical and effective evaluation is a key to good teaching.

Evaluation must be related to the objectives in terms of reasonably obtainable observations or measurements of student progress.

Recent development of criterion objectives has tended to open up the possibilities of observing a variety of "test" situations to judge programs and growth.

Evaluation may include standardized tests, teacher prepared tests, questionnaires, opinionnires, and rating scales.

Examples are included in the following pages:

- 1. Self-Image Rating Scale
- 2. Semantic Differential
- 3. Self-Concept Scale\*
- 4. Multiple-Choice Sentence Completion\*
- 5. Critical Incident Study\*\*
- 6. Community Problem Exercise\*\*

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## SELF-IMAGE RATING SCALE

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l			BELOW	
<u> </u>		POOR	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
1	AFFECTION			•
i	The student demonstrates empathy for others.			
1	He will do things for other students without			
<u> </u>	being asked.			
2	WELL-BEING		ļ	
ł	The student has a happy disposition. He		Ì	
<u></u>	does not complain about situations.			
3	<u>RECT ITUDE</u>	,	_	
i	The student demonstrates a high level of		1	
	honesty. He demonstrates fair play in			1
	the classroom.		_	
4	POWER		_	
ł	The student demonstrates the ability to		İ	
[	lead others. He takes part in decision		l	ļ
<u></u>	making activities.			_
5	SKILL			
	The student demonstrates skill in the			Ì
	subject field. The student demonstrates			1
	skill in communication. He demonstrates			ļ
l	skill in his social relationships.			
6	ENLIGHTENMENT			
l	The student demonstrates respect for know-		}	
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	activities beyond classroom assignments.			ł
7	WEALTH -			
l	The student shares with others. He	!	Ì	Ì
1	demonstrates satisfaction with his general		}	}
	situation.			ł
8	RESPECT			
	The student accepts the rules and regula-		1	ļ
	tions of the school and classroom. He		1	
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#### SELF-IMAGE RATING SCALE

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## THE SEMANTIC DIFFERENTIAL

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1.	Easy	 <del></del>	 	 		Difficult
2.	Slow		 	 		Fast
3.	Happy	 	***************************************	 		Sad
4.	Bad	-	 -	 		Good
5.	Fair	 	 <del></del>			Unfair
6.	Work	 	 	<del></del>		Play
7.	Boring	 -	 	 		Interesting
8.	Clear	 	 	 		Confusing



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